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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445-12th Street, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service
Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Section 54.313 of the Commission's Rules

Dear Secretary Dortch:

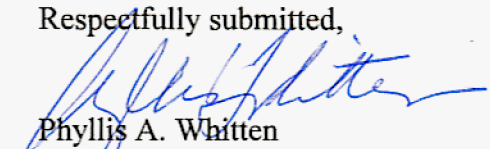
This letter, along with the associated Declaration of Rod Ballard ("Ballard Declaration"), is transmitted to update information provided to the Commission in the Petition for Waiver ("Waiver Petition") filed March 3, 2005 by Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. ("Pine Belt").

Pine Belt sought waiver of the Commission's rules with respect to the filing the one page letter known as the "Annual Certification." Pine Belt seeks to recoup high cost funds necessary to serve its rural customers. The associated Ballard Declaration is provided to update the amount high cost funds withheld from Pine Belt. The funds now totally \$50, 157.

Pine Belt, a small rural Alabama carrier, serves one of the poorest regions in the United States. Before the nation's full attention was focused on the havoc caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Pine Belt experienced the extraordinary and unusual circumstances of business and personal hardship presented by the aftermath of an earlier hurricane, Hurricane Ivan. As the Waiver Petition documents, Hurricane Ivan swept through Pine Belt's Alabama service territory causing power outages, property damage and business disruption.

Pine Belt now has made all requisite filings. To assure that his staff receives additional professional support in its regulatory compliance efforts, Pine Belt's President, John C. Nettles, has retained Mr. Ballard, a CPA and Principal in the accounting firm Jackson Thornton to direct and review future USF filings. If there are any questions, please contact me at (301) 270-2271.

Respectfully submitted,



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